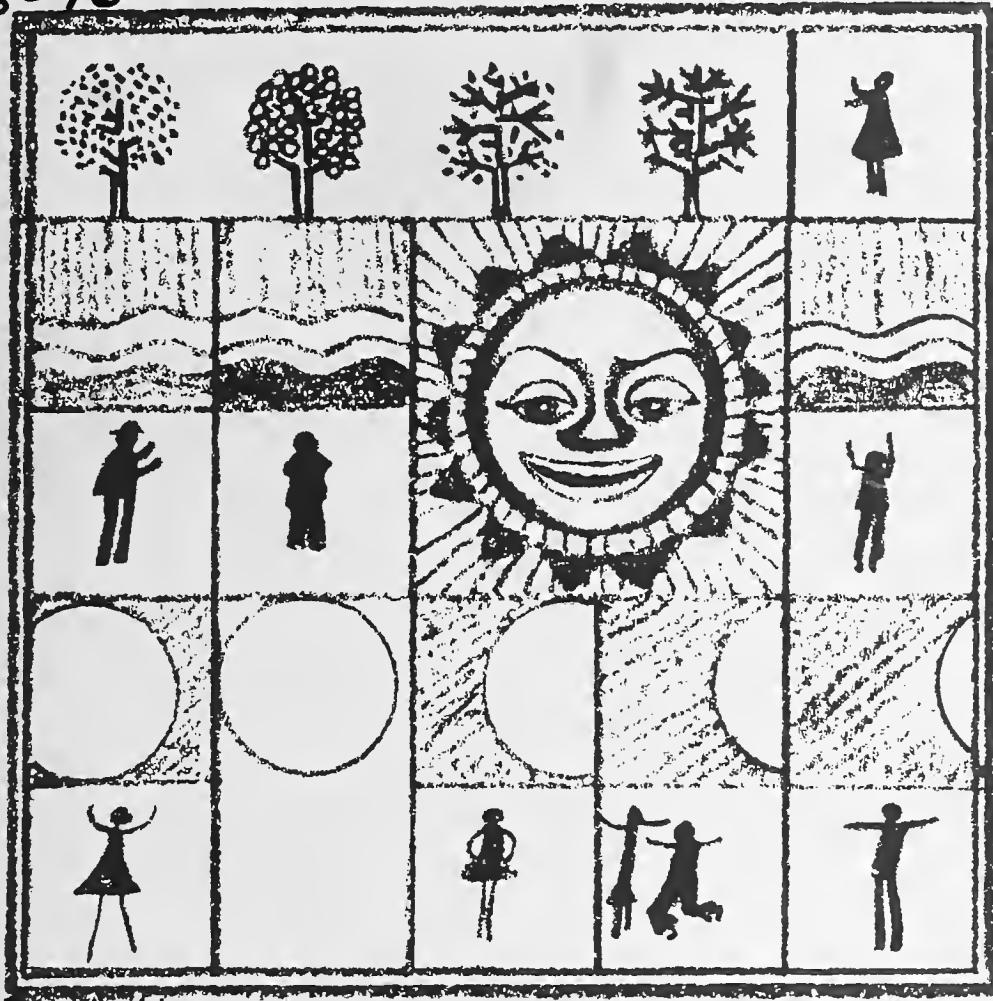


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Dear Joe:

I am pleased to submit the 1975-1976 Annual Report for the Office of Recreation and Park Resources. As the report will indicate we have offered some new and innovative services this past year and we will continue to explore new areas of service for the citizens of Illinois.

The support we receive from the staff of the Department of Leisure Studies and from all levels of the Cooperative Extension Service is excellent. We look to the future with renewed vigor and interest.

Sincerely,

D. James Brademas
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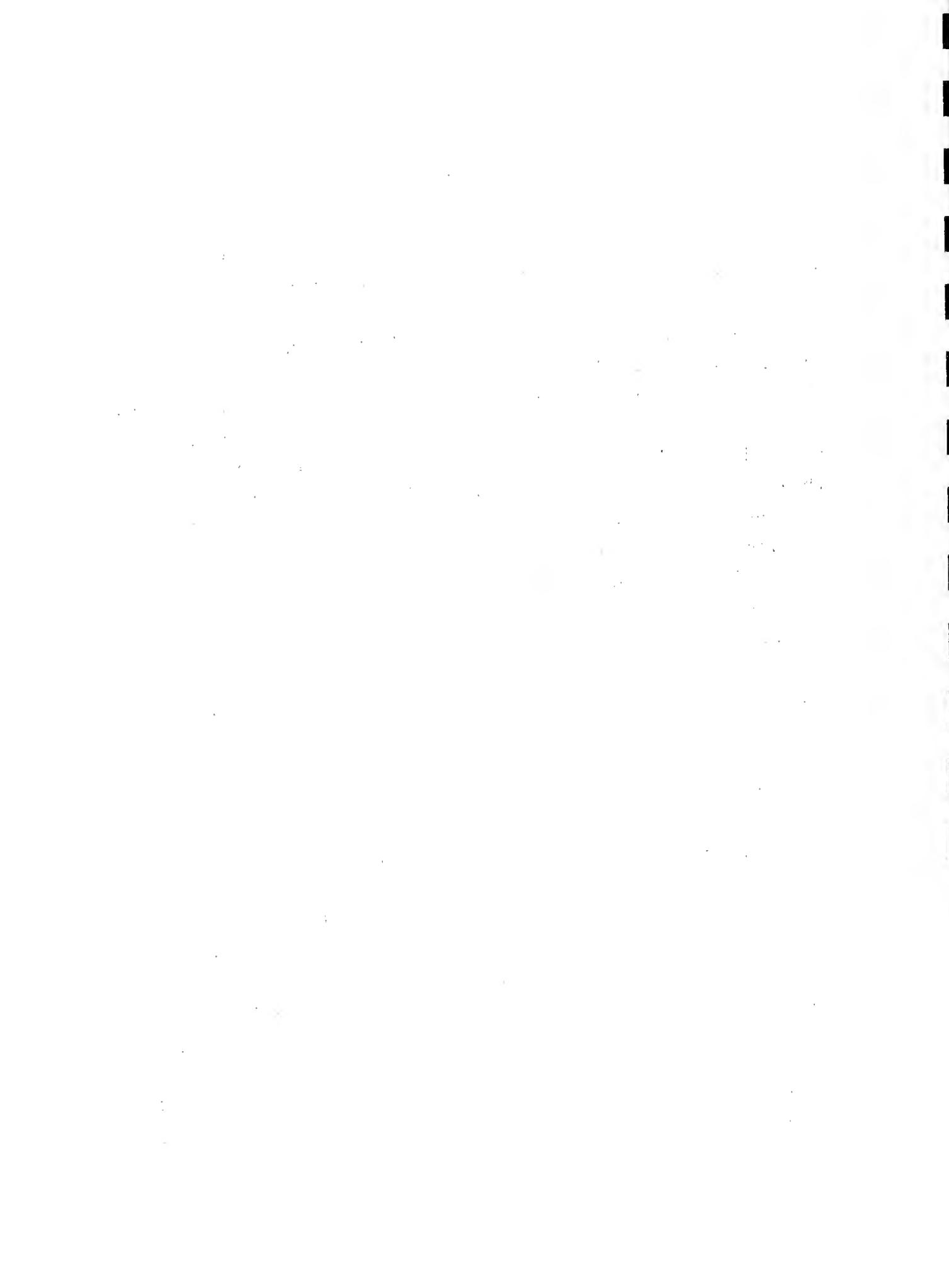


INTRODUCTION

In September, 1969, approval was given for the merger of the Field service of the Department of Recreation and Park Administration in the College of Physical Education with the Rural Recreation Section of the Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture. The merged unit is called the Office of Recreation and Park Resources. The primary purpose of the office is to assist county Extension advisors in conducting educational programs in their respective counties; to provide consultant services to governmental and private agencies that involve unique problems in parks and recreation; to strengthen the University's teaching efforts; and to provide a laboratory for carrying out a sound recreation and park research program.

The Office of Recreation and Park Resources operates through four recreation resource divisions: outdoor, therapeutic, community, and personnel development.

The Outdoor Recreation Resource Development Section, through consultation and research projects, deals primarily in planning, organization, and administration of county and regional park systems such as Conservation Districts, Forest Preserve Districts, and River Conservancy Districts. This section also secures, prepares, and disseminates educational materials as they relate to outdoor recreation resources. It also concerns itself with cooperation among the various state and federal agencies involved in outdoor recreation. These agencies include the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in the Department of Interior, U.S. Department of Agriculture and state agencies such as the State Department of Conservation and the Development of Business and Economic Development.

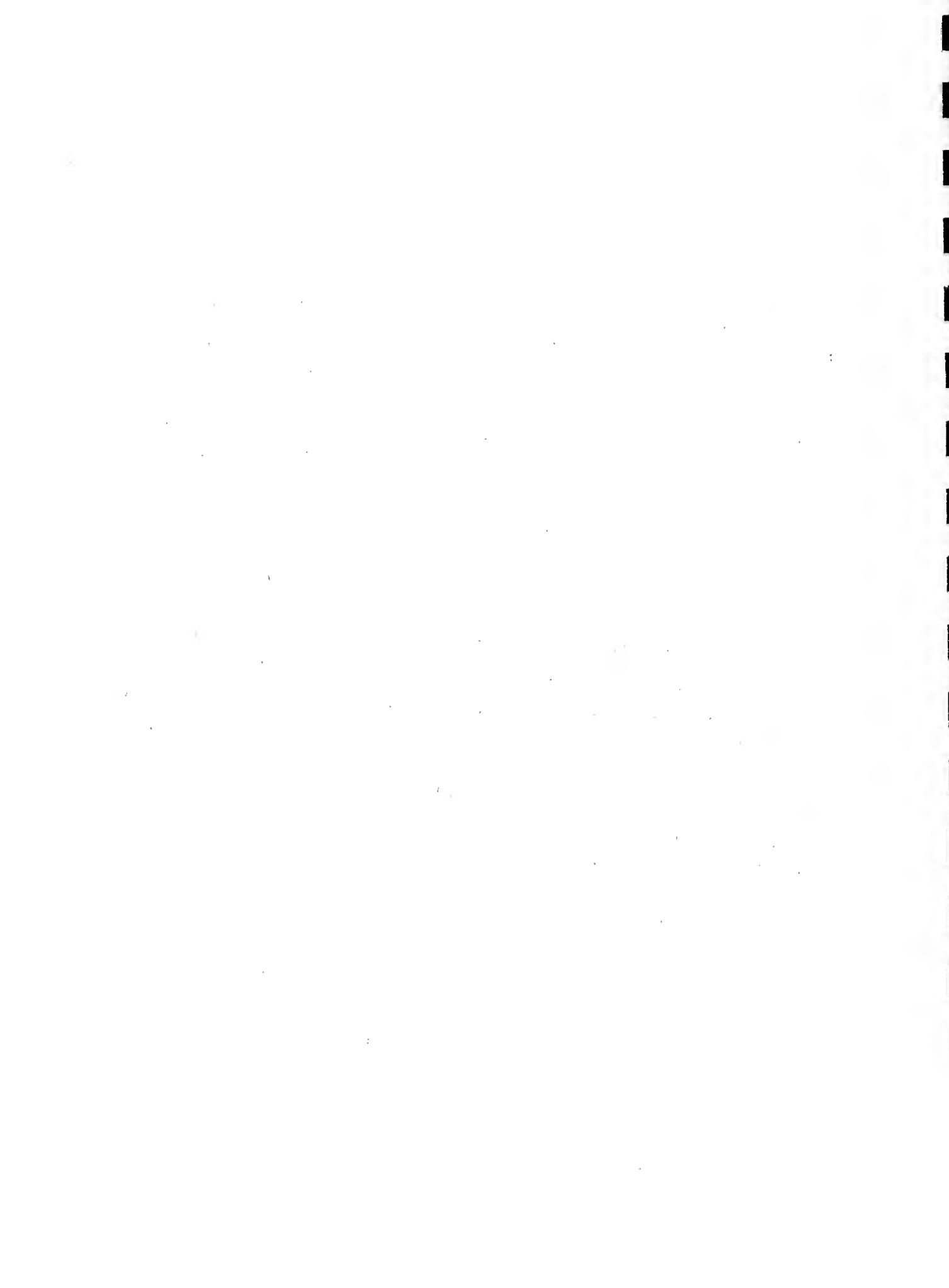


The Personnel Development Section concerns itself with providing information and educational materials to professional and lay personnel in recreation and parks. It is responsible also for the examination of program techniques and the solutions to problems that relate to the conduct of recreation and park programs. Personnel of this section collect, prepare, and disseminate information and materials relating to new leadership development, thus enabling recreation and park groups to provide a more effective service.

The Community Recreation Resources Development Section is responsible for consultation and research dealing with recreation and park problems affecting urban and suburban communities. It attempts to develop evaluative criteria needed in the planning and organizing of park districts and municipal departments of recreation and/or parks. Personnel of this section assist recreation and park authorities in increasing services to their communities.

The Therapeutic Recreation Resources Section engages in management consultation for Illinois Handicapped Services. It is involved in workshops on agency appraisals and institute planning. Personnel of this section are available to help plan and establish programs in the area of therapeutic recreation.

The new Office of Recreation and Park Resources facilitates many cooperative relationships both within the University and with other institutions. For example, a major source of assistance to the Office is the contact with the county extension advisors. At present, there are over three hundred and fifty advisors assigned throughout the state. Their knowledge of local conditions and their influence in the community is valuable to the ORPR staff.



Efforts also are made to strengthen further the relationship between ORPR and the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Society. Other cooperative relationships include the Department of Business and Economic Development, Department of Conservation, Illinois Youth Commission, State Recreation Council, and Department of Local Government Affairs. Of course, as the Office of Recreation and Park Resources expands its service, other important relationships will be developed.

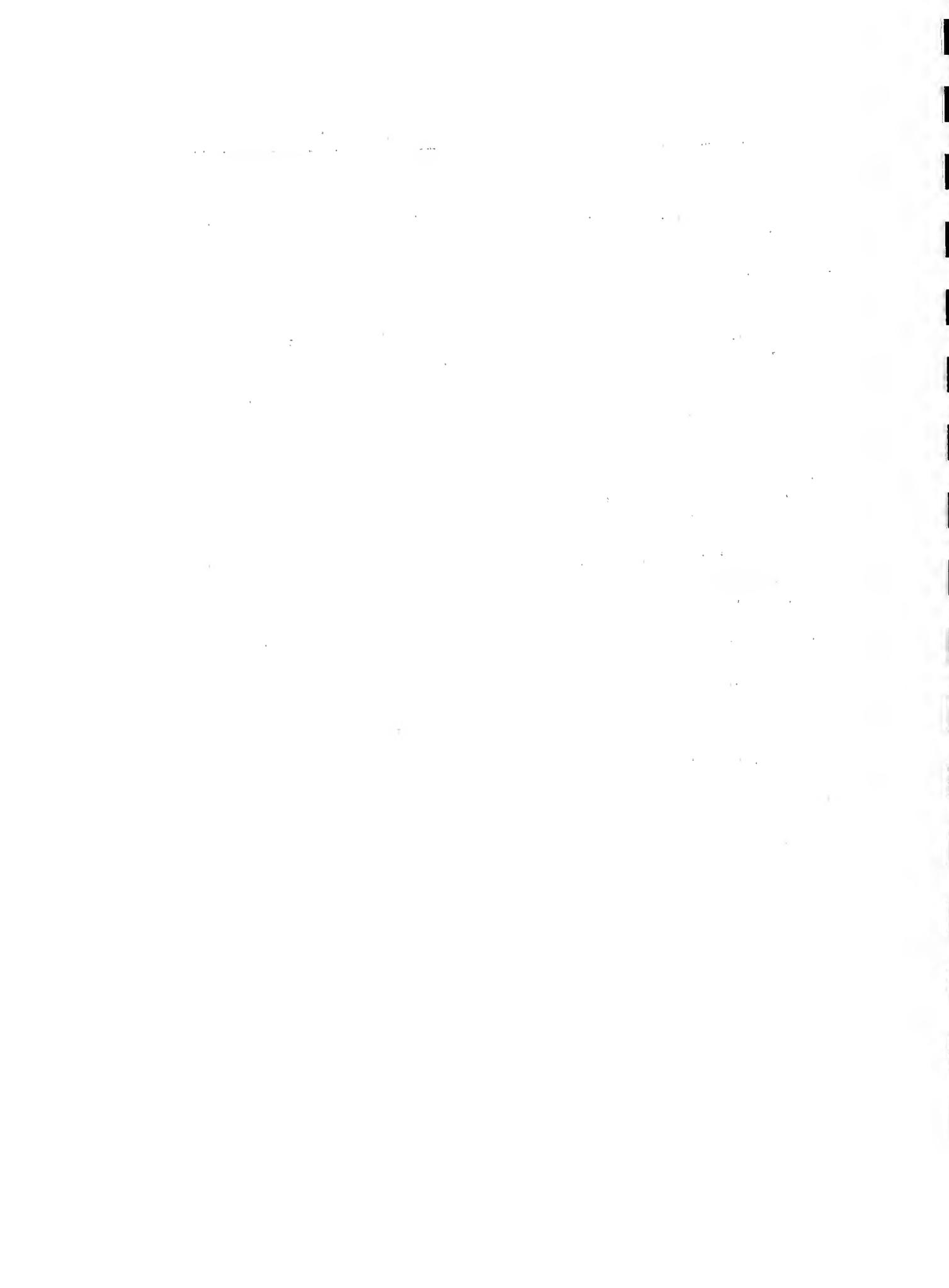
The Office of Recreation and Park Resources is a concerted effort on the part of the University of Illinois to provide the best possible recreation and park service to the citizens of Illinois. This new unit puts Illinois in the forefront in providing public service in parks and recreation.

In a report submitted by the Office of the Vice President to the President of the University of Illinois, the following quote was made regarding the University's role in providing public service: "The University should renew and extend its commitment to public service as a major responsibility so vital and so organically linked to teaching and research that its absence is unthinkable and the question of priority is irrelevant." This statement reflects the University's commitment for its future role. The staff of the Office of Recreation and Park Resources will continue to make every effort to see that this commitment is realized.



Personnel of the Office of Recreation and Park Resources

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Judy Ralph	Assistant
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Ernie Olsen	Assistant
Terry Morris	Fieldwork Student



ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

The following Annual Report covers the period from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976.

Prior to the beginning of operations in September, 1975, the staff participated in identifying and establishing their goals. The following is a brief description and progress report concerning these goals.

In addition to the more significant activities of the office detailed in this report, the specialists made many personal visits to Illinois communities, handled hundreds of phone requests and mailed dozens of brochures and printed material to individuals and agencies.

This summary is prepared in accordance with the SEMIS reporting system of the Cooperative Extension Service. All goals relate to the prime purpose, Number 76--SEMIS, namely improving the operational effectiveness of both private and public recreation, wildlife and/or natural beauty enterprises.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Recreation and Park Resources assisted the communities throughout the state concerning recreation and park program development. The following activities, briefly summarized, were the most significant.

Playground Model for Oblong

The Community Recreation Specialist responded to a request from the elementary school staff in Oblong, Illinois, for assistance in designing a creative play area for students. After reviewing the site and discussing the needs of the school community, a model playground was built with the assistance of two graduate students and an undergraduate fieldworker in ORPR. This team then presented the model to members of the community for review, input, and subsequent construction.

Circular on Planning Community-Wide Special Events

A Cooperative Extension Circular with the above title, numbered 1123, was published in July, 1976. It was co-authored by the Community Recreation Specialist and an undergraduate field work assistant. The purpose of the circular is to aid community groups in planning new events, or to improve existing events. Specific information on successful events in Illinois was obtained by a survey, and some twenty-four local celebrations held in varied locations in the state are summarized in the booklet.

Contract Study for Hoffman Estates

Beginning in March, 1976, a study was undertaken for the Village of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, to determine whether the village government or an existing park district should be responsible for delivery of leisure services in the future. The Community Recreation Specialist served as

Project Director, assisted by the Chief of ORPR and two members of the Leisure Studies Department academic staff. This study team spent at least 600 hours in conducting its investigation and writing the reports, which was presented to the community in early October.

4-H Games Workshop

The Community Recreation Specialist and four undergraduate students assisted the Region 10 Camping and Recreation Specialist in planning and conducting a day-long games workshop for 4-H members. The workshop was hosted by the Monroe County Extension Staff, and held in early spring, 1976. Some 60 young people participated, and were taught a wide variety of teaching skills and leadership methodology.

Process Skills in Organization Development Workshops

In January and February, 1975 two Process Skills in Organization Development Workshops were held at the Illinois Beach Lodge in Zion, Illinois. The workshops were sponsored by ORPR and directed by Dr. Jerry W. Robinson. The participants included thirty-eight park and recreation professionals from the State of Illinois representing park districts, recreation commissioners, hospitals and the Illinois Department of Conservation.

British Speakers' Workshop

A three day program of lectures and discussions by four outstanding Parks and Recreation professionals from the British Isles was offered to students and local practitioners during the fall semester. The four speakers included two of the top municipal administrators in Britain, an educator and a representative from a National Association. They were Mr. Roy Bee of Manchester, Mr. Stan Pittman from Birmingham, Mr. Ken Morgan of the International Association of Park



Administration and W. Drummond Abernathy, Director of the Children and Youth Department of the National Playing Fields Association.

The group were on tour of North America and included the University of Illinois as one of seven universities which they visited. The Office of Recreation and Park Resources sponsored their visit here.

IPRS Technical Assistance Series on Campus

As a part of the IPRS workshop series the Office of Recreation and Park Resources arranged a number of one day in-depth sessions on campus in the early fall. Subject areas were turf grass propagation, urban planning, collective bargaining, survey research, leisure counseling, playground design, the arts in programming and a session on design for safety by the Police Training Institute. The culminating event was an evening address by Eric Hoffer the longshoreman philosopher.

The sessions were well attended and evaluated quite highly leading IPRS to incorporate this "day on the campus" into their 1976 program with recommendations that it be a yearly event.

Collective Bargaining Seminar

Responding to a perceived need of Park District officials, lay and professional, the Office of Recreation and Park Resources arranged a two day seminar on collective bargaining. The seminar was conducted by the Division of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and was limited to ten agencies with each sending one board member and the top executive.

The major concern leading to the seminar was pending legislation allowing collective bargaining by public employees in the State of Illinois. The seminar was an unqualified

success but failure of the legislation reduced incentives for future follow-up seminars. It is expected that the issue will again become "hot" and ORPR is prepared to offer additional continuing education in this area.

Camping Workshop

A family camping and tourism workshop was held in Eureka for the Woodford County Home Economics Council. The workshop helped to acquaint new campers with equipment and techniques and helped orient them to camping and vacation opportunities in Illinois and the Midwest.

National Symposium on Parks, Recreation and the Environment

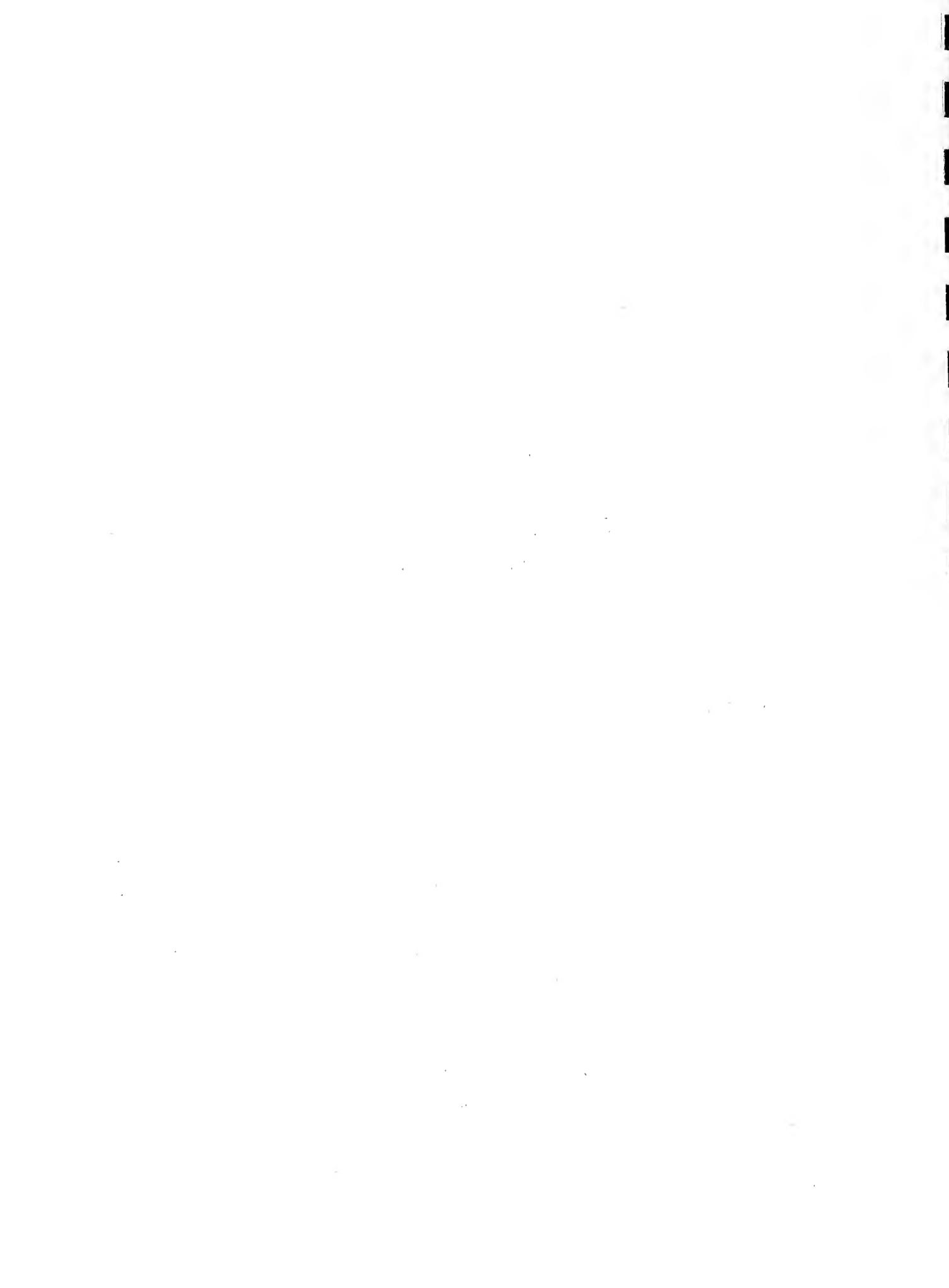
The Outdoor Recreation Specialist was the coordinator for one day of the three-day Symposium held in Chicago, March, 1976. He was also Program Chairman and speaker for a three-part session on "Linear Recreation-Ways."

Recreational Use of Fairgrounds in Illinois

As a follow-up to this research project completed last year a number of articles were written for national, regional and state publications. This has resulted in a broad demand for the publication and more detailed information on the project by other states and Canadian provinces.

Citizens Long-Range Planning Committee - Champaign County Forest Preserve District

The Outdoor Recreation Specialist served as Chairman of a thirteen person citizens committee who conducted a sixteen month study of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District. A series of sub-committee reports were prepared, public meetings held for public input and finally a report was published in December, 1975 and submitted to the District Board for their consideration.



Strip-mined Lands for Recreation

A brief survey of the scope and types of recreational use being made of strip mined lands in Illinois was submitted to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Lake Central Region. It is intended that further research be proposed for this area with the advent of increased coal mining in Illinois.

Guidelines for Borrow Pit Development

At the request of the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission ORPR assisted them in developing a set of Guidelines for Borrow Pit Development which was incorporated into the County Zoning Ordinance under mineral extraction. This will result in safer, more usable and more esthetic borrow pits which can be readily used for recreational purposes.

Land Acquisition Concepts and Philosophy

A study was made and recommendations submitted to the Kane County Forest Preserve District on their land acquisition program. The past concepts and philosophy was reviewed and recommendations made to modify past concepts and to think in terms of larger resource-based areas in several critical sections of the county.

4-H Camping in Illinois

The outdoor recreation specialist was a member of a committee appointed to review in-depth the current 4-H camping program in Illinois and make recommendations for changes in program and philosophy. It was determined that significant changes in the concept of 4-H camping was necessary if it is to meet the needs of current and future 4-H youth.

Lake Shelbyville Study

Research continued on the project "Improved Local Planning for Reservoir-Oriented Recreational Opportunities" funded by the Water Resources Center and Cooperative Extension Service. Field research has been completed and the analysis of the economic and sociological impacts of recreation is in the final stages. Publication will be completed in the fall, 1976.

Marine Enterprises Association

As the result of a regional workshop for Marina operators held at Effingham in December 1975 the idea for a state-wide association evolved. The Outdoor Recreation Specialist surveyed the marinas and related marine enterprises in Illinois and on boundary waters to determine potential interest. The responses were very positive which resulted in an Association Formation Committee being formed.

A second workshop was held in Peoria in February 1976 with further discussion on a proposed Constitution and By-Laws for the Association. Several working committees were appointed to prepare material for the Association Formation meeting in September 1976.

Proceedings for both workshops were published and distributed by ORPR. A quarterly newsletter was initiated and secretarial service has been provided for this new Association by the Outdoor Recreation Specialist and secretarial staff of ORPR.

Technology Transfer Series

To be initiated this fall will be a monthly in-depth seminar conducted by faculty from the Department of Leisure Studies entitled the "Technology Transfer Series." The series is designed for professional personnel in the



field of Parks and Recreation and each seminar will be limited to approximately twenty-five (25) participants. All sessions will be held on campus from 9 to 5.

Seminars scheduled are:

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| October 2 | J.J. Bannon "Managing Human Resources" |
| November 8 | R.P. Humke "Evaluation of Leisure Service Delivery" |
| December 8 | Robert Espeseth "Site Planning" |
| | Carol Peterson "Systems Approach to Program Planning" |
| January 10 | Jack Kelly "Need based Recreation Planning" |
| February 7 | A.V. Sapora "A Philosophy of Leisure"
Scout Gunn "Leisure Counseling" |
| March 14 | Jim Brademas/George Lowrey "The Assessment Center" |

Process Skills Workshops

Two management workshops in Process Skills will be provided for Parks and Recreation Professionals on February 13-18 and February 20-25, 1977. The first of these will be on Process Skills in Organizational Development and the second on Process Skills in Human Relations. Both workshops will be conducted by Professors Jerry Robinson, James Brademas, and George Lowrey. Illinois Beach State Park Lodge will be the site.

Needs Assessment Study - Therapeutic Recreation

This study was undertaken in an effort to determine the extent and nature of desired consultation services from the ORPR Therapeutic Recreation Specialist by those working with special populations within the state of Illinois. A sampling of over 300 agencies within the state generated a 69% return and an overwhelming response to the need for

consultation services. Four hundred eighty six requests for T.R. consultation were identified from the completed questionnaires. The greatest number of requests were for information dissemination (125), conduct of workshops/seminars (95), program development assistance (95), and program evaluation (82). A report entitled "A Needs Assessment Study for the Therapeutic Recreation Specialist in the Office of Recreation and Park Resources" was written and is available upon request.

Development of Special Recreation Cooperative Guidelines

Senate Bills 220 and 221 were signed by the Governor in October of 1975 allowing municipalities or park districts to levy a tax up to .02 per \$100 assessed valuation on property, without referendum, for the provision of community recreation programs for the handicapped.

As a result of this legislation, many park districts and municipalities are in the process of developing such programs. In an effort to assist them in their efforts, the T.R. Specialist along with the directors of four already existing community special recreation programs wrote a guide book entitled "Guidelines for the Formation and Development of Special Recreation Cooperatives in the State of Illinois." This book was published by the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Illinois, in cooperation with the Office of Recreation and Park Resources, Department of Leisure Studies. The book provides step by step procedures by which emerging Special Recreation Cooperatives might follow in their formation. It includes information on the enabling legislation and legal base, suggestions for organizing, administering, and implementing the program. It also includes an extensive appendix section which provides sample forms, job descriptions and program materials.

BEH Community College Project

The Therapeutic Recreation Specialist was assigned to continue working with the Therapeutic Recreation curriculum development project for entry level personnel. The project has completed its three year funding in excess of \$250,000 from the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped/HEW. Two significant publications were produced resulting from the activities of the past three years. They are entitled: (1) Therapeutic Recreation Education: Developing a Competency Based Entry Level Curriculum and (2) Therapeutic Recreation Education: Guidelines for Curriculum Development. Both books were published by the University of Illinois Press.

The results of this significant project are being disseminated nationally for implementation as a proto-type T.R. curriculum at the entry-level.

State Department of Corrections and Therapeutic Recreation

Master planning for correctional facilities related to recreation programs is currently being undertaken by the office. This vital area of rehabilitation is an exciting venture which hopefully will become a model for other states as well as Illinois.

Other Significant Activities - Therapeutic Recreation

- . Development and distribution of a "Recreation Interest Survey for Special Populations"
- . Program evaluation - Allendale School for Boys
- . Program development - Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (Sunrise Lake Camp; Oak Lawn Park District
- . Coordinate Central ITRS Workshop
- . Adviser to Midwest Symposium on T.R. (Indianapolis)
- . Conduct workshops at Hoopston Nursing Home, Oak Forest Hospital, IPRS Annual Conference.



PUBLICATIONS BY STAFF MEMBERS

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| R. D. Espeseth | "Cost Ranges for Facilities
in Private Campgrounds" (ORPR-9) |
| | "County-level Systems for Outdoor
Recreation Services" (ORPR-35) |
| R. P. Humke | "Circular on Planning Community-Wide
Special Events" (C-1123) |
| G. M. Robb | "Guidelines for the Formation and
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